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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

[Letters addressed to "Correspondence" will receive attention in this column. Inquiries are solicited.]

Q. Where is there an aviation school?

A. At Belmont Park, Long Island, N. Y.

Q. Should I call my sister's grandson my grand-nephew?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the value of a one cent piece made in 1800?

A. Ten cents.

Q. What is the white population of the United States?

M. A. R.

A. 81,732,587.

Q. In what year or years between 1840 and 1896 did February 29 fall on Saturday?

A. In 1840, 1868 and 1896.

Q. What became of Aguinaldo, the Philippine leader?

A. He is thoroughly pacified and lives quietly in the Philippines.

Q. Please tell me where to write to find out about government irrigation projects.

H. E. H.

A. To the director of Reclamation Service, Washington, D. C.

Q. By whom were the Confederate forces in New Orleans commanded when Farragut captured the city in 1864?

L. J.

A. John K. Mitchell.

Q. Do the railroads build and own any of the telegraph lines that they use or are they leased from the telegraph companies?

C. E. I.

A. The roads usually own their own lines.

Q. Is there any means of finding out the names of those killed in the Custer massacre in 1876?

R. C. L.

A. The War Department, Washington, D. C., has the complete records.

Q. Please tell me where the Colorado penitentiary is located and how to address a person there.

READER.

A. At Carson City. Send the letter in care of the warden.

Q. On what days of the week did the following dates fall: February 20, 1837, February 13, 1828, February 8, 1833, February 6, 1839?

A. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Wednesday.

Q. What is the statute of limitations in the State of Wisconsin?

G. A. C.

A. Judgments, if of record, twenty years; if not of record, six years. Notes and open accounts, six years.

Q. Has there been a war vessel built costing \$5,000,000?

G. M. H.

A. About a dozen and a half have cost over that sum in the United States navy; thirteen new battleships have cost over six millions, and five cost over seven million dollars.

Q. What are the names and nativity of the treasurer and the auditor of the United States?

G. G. D.

A. The treasurer is Lee McClung of Tennessee. There is no chief auditor, the treasury department having an auditor for each government department. Mr. McClung was born in Knoxville, Tenn.

Q. (1) Was not John Wilkes Booth shot and killed while resisting arrest? (2) Did the United States ever banish political or other prisoners to the island of San Diego or any other island?

O. H.

A. (1) Yes. (2) Deportation of citizens has never been practised by this government, and we have no political prisoners.

Q. (1) What Presidents of the United States have been impeached? (2) What is the meaning of the phrase "red tape"?

W. H. P.

A. (1) None. Andrew Johnson was accused in impeachment resolutions passed by the Senate in 1868, but the charges were not sustained. (2) It is applied to slow and involved proceedings which matters of official business must sometimes pass through before final action is taken. The phrase originated through the use of red tape for tying up bundles of documents.

Q. (1) Has crime increased in the States that have abolished capital punishment? (2) How long ago did the first State abolish capital punishment?

J. B. B.

A. (1) Little effect is produced on the number of capital crimes by the abolition of the death penalty.

John Burroughs.

A. (1) Luther Burbank was born at Lancaster, Mass., in 1849 and worked as a wood turner and pattern-maker before devoting himself to horticulture. His first experiments with plants were made at a farm which he bought at Lunenburg, Mass., and there he developed the famous Burbank potato. In 1875 he located at Santa Rosa, Cal., where some of his most important work has been done and where also, owing to the advantageous climate, he has been able to develop his English walnut, sugar prune, Japanese plums, peaches, apples, berries and flowers. (2) John Burroughs was born at Roxbury, N. Y., in 1837, worked on his father's farm and attended school until he was seventeen, when he began to teach school. He was appointed to a place in the treasury department in 1865 and rose to be chief of the organization division of the bureau of national banks. Leaving Washington in 1872, Mr. Burroughs established himself at a farm on the Hudson river, New York. His literary style is direct and graceful and his books have done much to popularize interest in nature study. His attack on the animal stories which he characterized as "sham natural history" appeared in the Atlantic Monthly in 1904.

Wants Three-Cent Pieces.

Patriotic citizens are constantly coming to the front with panaceas for the evils under which we live in this country. One of the latest of these patriots is spending a great deal of money in stationery and postage stamps in an effort to educate the people generally, and Congress in particular, up to the point of demanding the recoinage of three-cent pieces. It is argued that this minor coin is demanded as a business necessity, now that the bargain sales of the department stores have become so firmly established.

The originator of the idea of the recoinage of this coin is probably not old enough to remember that in the days before the Civil war millions of tiny silver coins, with a mint mark stamped on them which made them legal tender for three cents, were coined, and that during the days when the only metal coins in general circulation were one-cent pieces, the treasury issued "three-cent shin plasters." Again, after the close of the strife between the States nickel three-cent pieces were coined for several years, and they, being about the same size as the silver dime, frequently found their way into the tills of storekeepers for the coins of larger value.

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